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SUBJ: RABIN SPEECH ON NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GOI PRESS BULLETIN COVERING WIDELY REPORTED WEEKEND SPEECH DELIVERED BY PM RABIN AT LABOR PARTY RALLY FOR IMMIGRANTS FROM LITHUANIA.

2. BEGIN TEXT. "THERE WILL BE NO MORE WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT CONSIDERATION, WITHOUT A CONSIDERATION WHICH INCURS A SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE.

3. "TO ATTAIN PEACE, IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO TELL OUR NEIGHBORS THAT WE WANT PEACE. IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT NOT TO WANT WAR. PREPARATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TOWARDS IT BECAUSE WE SHALL NOT ALWAYS DETERMINE WHEN WAR WILL TAKE PLACE". MR RABIN SAID THAT IT IS SEEMINGLY POSSIBLE TO REACH A SETTLEMENT WITH THE ARABS IF WE ACCEPT THEIR CONDITIONS--WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL AREAS CONQUERED DURING THE SIX DAY WAR AND THE
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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE IN JUDEA, SAMARIA AND THE GAZA STRIP. IN CONSIDERATION, THE ARABS ARE

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PREPARED TO GIVE SOMETHING RESEMBLING PEACE. IN OUR POSITION,
THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY, "AN AGREEMENT TO SUCH A
SOLUTION CONSTITUTES THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE STATE OF
THE JEWS. A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONCEIVE
THE POSSIBILITY OF AGREEING TO SUCH A SOLUTION OR TO A SIMILAR
ONE."

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT CAN BE SAID THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED
TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CEASE FIRE LINES, EVEN THOUGH WE WANT
PEACE. THIS INCURS SOME RENUNCIATION OF THE EFFORT TO ATTAIN
PEACE. THIS INCURS A DEFINITE DETERMINATION OF THE CREATION OF
A SITUATION OF POLITICAL STALEMATE; FROM THERE, THE ROAD LEADS
WITH CERTAINTY TO WAR.

5. THERE EXISTS A THIRD ROAD WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTING
AND ON WHICH IT IS TREADING. NO WITHDRAWAL TO THE LINES
OF JUNE 1967, NO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE, BUT
A CONFRONTATION FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH IN THE QUEST FOR
PEACE, EITHER THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH EACH ONE OF THE ARAB
STATES FOR A SHARP TRANSITION FROM A SITUATION OF WAR
TO A SITUATION OF PEACE OR THROUGH A TRANSITION IN STAGES. THIS
IS THE RIGHT ROAD WHICH SEES THE NEED TO STRIVE FOR PEACE, FOR
THE CREATION OF POSSIBILITIES TO ADVANCE TOWARDS PEACE, OUT OF A
POSITION OF STRENGTH. THIS IS NO CLOSING DOWN OF OPTIONS. IT
IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BEGIN BY DECIDING OURSELVES WHAT WE WANT,
MR RABIN WENT ON TO SAY. WE DO NOT WANT A DEADLOCK, NO
SURRENDER, BUT TO STRIVE FOR PEACE, HONOURABLY AND OUT OF STRENGTH
AND IN THE BELIEF THAT IN FUTURE SOME WILL BE FOUND IN THE ARAB
STATES WHO WILL UNDERSTAND THAT PEACE IS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

6. MR RABIN DECLARED THAT ISRAEL WILL HONOUR THE CEASE
FIRE AGREEMENTS AND THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENTS
AND WILL NOT VIOLATE THEM. WE SHALL MAINTAIN THEM SO LONG THAT
THE OTHER SIDE MAINTAINS THEM AND WE SHALL HAVE NO INTEREST IN
UNDERMINING THE AGREEMENTS. WE SHALL INSIST ON THEIR
IMPLEMENTATION TO THE LETTER. BUT WE CANNOT IGNORE THE VOICES,
ESPECIALLY FROM THE NORTH-EAST, CALLING FOR THE NON-CONTINUATION
OF PART OF THE AGREEMENTS. ONE SHOULD NOT BE SCARED BY THAT,
BUT ONE SHOULD BE WELL PREPARED. WE SHALL DO EVERYTHING SO THAT
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WE ARE NOT CAUGHT BY SURPRISE. END TEXT.
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